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12 Hour Tail-gate Party at the Animal Shelter Down... Set... Adopt!

October 5, 2009 – Waterford, VA – The Loudoun County Animal Shelter is once again hosting a 12 hour pet adoption marathon in hopes of finding homes for all the animals at the shelter.

Homeward Bound 2009: the 12 Hour Tailgate Party will be held on Saturday, October 24, from 10:00am—10:00pm, at 39820 Charles Town Pike in Waterford. Dogs, cats, and critters are getting in shape to see who can find the most new homes during the 12 hour family friendly event.

The action isn't just inside the shelter – the Mobile Adoption Vehicle will also be set up outside for some tail-wagging, tail-gating fun!

Chappel, an 8 year old hound, is primed for action! "I'm one of the veterans around here, and I know what it is like to have a home. I know that someone out there will make me their MVP—most valuable pet, of course!"

Sasha, a 5 year old Maine Coon, responded with, "Not so fast, dog. The cats might be quiet, but we are going to win this contest. You can't beat my 17 pounds of purring power!"

A vocal group of **baby hamsters** countered with, "Don't count us out! We might be rookies, but our cute little faces just might make us the stars of the show!"

See who prevails and enjoy a day of football-themed fun for the whole family. There will be games for kids of all ages, tailgate snacks and drinks, giveaways, and of course, wonderful animals looking for new homes. Find your MVP at Homeward Bound 2009!

The Loudoun County Animal Shelter is located at 39820 Charles Town Pike, Waterford, VA 20197. Department information can be found online at www.toudoun.gov/animals or at www.toudoun.gov/animals.

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